

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-9 and 13-17 are in the case.

I. THE 35 U.S.C. 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH, REJECTION

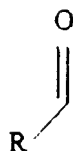
Claims 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, on the ground that the specification allegedly does not provide enablement for prevention of the listed diseases. In response, and without conceding to the merit of this assertion, Claim 15 has been amended to delete reference to "prevention." Withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 15 and 16 is now believed to be in order and is requested.

II. THE 35 U.S.C. 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH, REJECTIONS

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite in view of the expression "C₁₋₆ acyl." The Examiner has requested clarification with respect to the point of attachment of the acyl group.

In response, the group is joined through the carbonyl, as this group has a free valance site, as shown below:

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A person of ordinary skill would readily understand that an acyl group is defined as drawn above. This appears in many standard textbooks, for example, R.T Morrison and R.N. Boyd, *Organic Chemistry*, 2nd Ed., Allyn and Bacon, Inc., page 52. A further source of such information is F.E. Condon and Herbert Meislich, *Introduction to Organic Chemistry*, Holt, Rienhart and Winston, Inc., page 342 (copy attached). A person of ordinary skill would have no difficulty understanding the meaning of "acyl" as defined in the present specification that the point of attachment is through the carbonyl group.

Withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1 is now believed to be in order. Such action is respectfully requested.

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite in not setting forth any steps involved in determining which are the "platelet aggregation disorders." In response, and without conceding to the merit of this rejection, Claim 13 has been amended to recite particular conditions as appearing at page 12, lines 25-34. New Claim 17 recites examples of interventions in atherosclerotic disease, as set forth at page 12, lines 32 and

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33. No new matter is entered with the amendments to Claim 13 and the presentation of new Claim 17.

Withdrawal of the outstanding 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejections is now believed to be in order. Such action is respectfully requested.

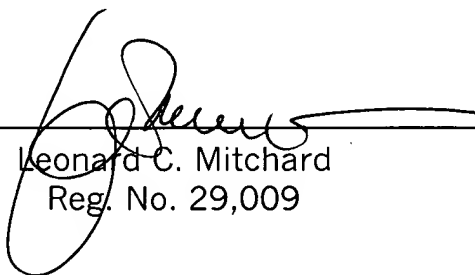
III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

It is noted, with appreciation, that Claims 2-9 and 14 are directed to allowable subject matter. With the amendments and arguments presented in the present response, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are now in allowable condition. Early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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